1st for 1907

ASHTON-upon-MERSEY URBAN DISTRICT

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. Charles J. Renshaw.

Population - 5,575.

Area in Acres - 1,622.

Birth rate per 1,000 - 18.8.

Death rate per 1,000 - 13.9.

Death rate from seven principal zymotic diseases - 1.2.

Deaths under one year to 1,000 births - 209.

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~~Six~~ 8 deaths are due to the principal zymotic diseases - viz

Whooping Cough - 2.

Diarrhoea - 3.

Scarlet Fever - 2.

Measles - 1.

From Cancer 5 deaths are reported.

Pneumonia and Bronchitis - 12.

Phthisis - 5.

Of cases notified there were -

Measles - 77.

Scarlet Fever - 70.

Whooping Cough - 43.

Diphtheria - 5.

Erysipelas - 2.

Roetheln - 2.

Typhoid - 1.

13 cases of Scarlet Fever were removed to Ladywell. All houses requiring it, have been disinfected; rooms in which patients have sat or died suffering from phthisis have been disinfected, the three public schools also, as soon as the children left for their Christmas holidays.

By the courtesy of the Authorities of Salford, we have been able to send our infectious cases, requiring removal, to Ladywell, we expect in due course the hospital at Baguley will be ready to receive such patients.

Small pox patients will, however, have to be dealt with as previously.

The water supply has during the year been good, in the summer it had to be curtailed, owing to there being such a dearth of rain, we suffered chiefly in consequence of the drains not being flushed sufficiently, and because of the amount of dust, especially in the high road.

Nuisance abatement.

15 privy closets including Ashpits, have been repaired.

23 converted into water closets.

5 water closets fixed in houses.

12 middens converted into dry ashpits.

1 new privy to existing property.

Drains altered, relaid and new drains provided to 17 houses.

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14 drains have been taken up from under cellar floors, and new gullies placed in areas outside.

Two cases of dangerous building have been dealt with during the past year.

One case of over-crowding.

Provision made for proper water supply to 12 houses.

Plans have been passed for 87 houses.

1 Sunday School.

2 new Bath rooms.

Re 87 houses - 33 are in course of construction, 15 almost ready for occupation, the remainder may be commenced at any time.

The general health of the community is good.

The drainage beds near the river are acting very well, and at present are sufficient, but in view of the increase of population, it would be better to take in more land, so that when necessary they may be enlarged.

As upon previous occasions, the Wakes held in November, were the apparent cause of the spread of infectious disease; this year eight cases of Scarlet Fever were reported within fourteen days, all the children affected having visited the Wakes.